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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TATSUO ITO

Application No.: 09/893,211

Filed: June 28, 2001

For: CONSUMABLE GOODS ONLINE)
SHOPPING SYSTEM, PORTAL :
SERVER, ELECTRONIC)
SETTLEMENT SERVER, MAIL :
ORDER CENTER SERVER,)
RECYCLING PLANT SERVER, :
OR SERVER, AND)
CONSUMABLE GOODS ONLINE :
SHOPPING METHOD AND)
PROGRAM, AND RECORDING :
MEDIUM)

Examiner: A. J. Rudy

Group Art Unit: 3627

July 22, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

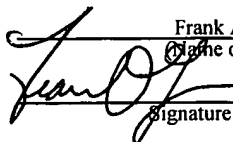
Sir:

This paper has been filed in response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2004, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified case. In the Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

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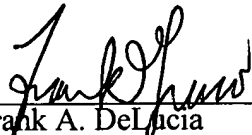
- Group I: Claim 1, directed to a consumable goods online shopping system for a user to create an advertisement, classified in class 235, subclass 383;
- Group II: Claims 2-10, directed to a portal server, classified in class 703, subclass 1;
- Group III: Claims 11-15, directed to an electronic settlement system, classified in class 713, subclass 1;
- Group IV: Claims 19 and 20, directed to a consumable goods on-line shopping method, classified in class 705, subclass 26;
- Group V: Claims 21 and 22, directed to a program, classified in class 717, subclass 100; and
- Group VI: Claims 23 and 24, directed to a recording medium, classified in class 700, subclass 115.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group IV (Claims 19 and 20), for initial prosecution on the merits.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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